OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

A Bible Riddle. The following riddle is old, but excellent. The answer is in the first book of Samuel. Which of our young readers will find it?

ome and commiserate one who was blind, lelpless and desolate, void of a mind; Guileless, deceiving; though unbelieving, Free from all sic. By mortals adored, still I ignored The world I was iv.

King Polemy's, Casar's, and Tiglath Pilezars. Birth-days are shown: Vise men, astrologers, all are acknowledgers,

Mine is unknown.

ne'er had a tather nor mother; Or raber, it I had either, then they were neither live at my birth.

odge in a place, taunted by malice, did not inherit, by lineage or merit, a spot on the earth

for cd among Parans, no one baptized me, she gave me the name to her heart that was dearest. She gave me the place to her bosom was nearest;

But one look of kindness she cast on me never, Nor word on my blindness I heard from her

Encompassed by strangers, naught could alarm saved, I destroyed, I blessed, I alloyed;

Kept a crown for a prince, but had none of my own; Filled the place of a king, but ne'er had a

throne; Rescued a warrior, bailled a plot; Vas what I seemed not, seemed what I was not, bevoted to stangater, a price on my head, king's lovely daughter watched by my bed. low gently she dressed me, fainting with fear! he never caressed me, nor wiped off a tear;

de'er moistened my lips, though parching What marvel a blight should pursue and try; Twas royalty nursed me, wretched and poor; Twas royalty careed me in secret, I'm sure, lived not, I died not, but tell you I must, That ages have passed since I first turned to

This paradox whence? this squalor, this splendor? say, was I king, or a silly pretender?

athon the mystery, deep in my history Was I a man? n angel supernal, a demon infernal? Solve it who can.

SUMMARY OF RELIGIOUS NEWS.

BAPTIST.

-That the Baptist denomination outside of hose limits which President Wayland used to sch wich his voice is even yet almost wholly iven over to close communion it seems impos-ible to doub'. We have not seen a single Bap-ist organ that has a kindly word to offer on he action of the Warren Association, which echned to pass the trou-clad resolution of Dr. lincoln. Most of these papers have passed over his action as lightly as possible; but the Examiner and Chronicie of this city is very severe upon Dr. Caswell, clainly telling him that he was not lected President of Brown University that he night betray the denomination. It forgets that as honored predecessor, against whom not a og moved his tongue, held the same senti-nents. The resolution of Dr. Lincoln, which te defended so feebly before his own Associa-ton, will become a part of Baptist history. It is being pressed at every Association; and, so ar as we may judge from the Baptist papers, adopted with not a dissenting voice. It was so in the other Khode Island Association, in the Worcester and in the Boston North Association. the latter meeting, Dr. Eddy, after teading he resolution, and quoting from the Independent our report of its fate, added: -- I would ike to have these resolutions passed as they are. It the old Baptist banner trails in the dust beneath the shadow of the ancient university, et us lift it high upon the graves of Sullman and Baldwin." Loud "Amen," gave indication hat the audience was in full sympathy with the peaker; and when the moderator put the queson the re-olution was carried unanimously by rising vote.—Independent.

- Ministerial Conference.—The monthly meeting of the Ministerial Conference was held at he Publication Rooms on Monday morning last. he attendance was not so large as usual, owing to doubt to the fact that the pastors generally attended the opening of the Crozer Seminary, and could not well be absent from their posts o soon again. There was a very general and mimated discussion of the question, 'Would it be advantageous to substitute some other serrice in the place of a second sermon to the same

people on the Lord's day?" -The chapel of the Memorial Church, in his city, is rapidly approaching completion, and vill be ready for occupancy before the close of he year. Dr. Hen on's people made a very enerous contribution last Saonath of \$4500 to he bullding fund. This people all pull, and pul

The editor of the Baptist says:-"Associa-ons are being he'd all over the South, and so ir as we have witnessed or heard from them, hey are well attended, and reports encouraging, or numerical strength is rapidly increasing?" -The Berean Church, in this city, made acant by the resignation of Rev. James Cooper, re indulging the hope that Rev. Dr. Levy, of lewark, will soon give them an affirmative esponse to their earnest call to become their

-The Eleventh Church, in this city, has welcomed her new pastor, Rev. Charles Keyser, who commenced his ministry among them last Sunday. A cordial welcome is extended to him by the pasters and churches of the city, and we hope and believe a brighter day is about o dawn upon that afflicted church.

PRESBYTERIAN. -A writer in the North Carolina Presbyterian nves the following account of a revival in A-hpole Church, in the Presnyterylo. Fayettyille, of which the Rev. Archicald McQueen is the pastor: During the first days of the meeting marked nterest was apparent in the congregation, which continued to deepen and widen until it pervaded the whole community, absorbing every other consideration. The strong man of only age and the youth of tender years were ed together by the Spirit of God, as humble penitents, to the foot of a Saviour's cros. One nundred and twenty-two souls, upon procession their faith in Carist, were added to the hurch, and others who male a profession will connect themselves with other branches of the Christian Caurch. Of this number ninety four were whites, twenty of whom were heads of families and twenty-eight were freedmen."

Basis of Union presented by the Phila--The Basis of Union presented by the Phila-delphia Convention has generally been rejected by the ecole-lastical assemblies of the United esbyterian Church. In the second Synod of west, ho vever, action more favourable to mion was taken. The Synod mei in Piqua, thio last wouth, and having heard its delegates o the Convention, adopted the tollo sing: -

"Resolved, That the Symod having heard the state ments of his delegates to be Union Convention, held is Patiadelphia last Nevember, approve of their contact in v. ting for the Basis there adopted, in order that it might be brought before the naturalies, and deduce it as its judgment that said Basis lord rech a character as to warrant a continuance of negotiation for Presty serial union."

The new Pre-byterian church at Fairview, New Jersey, was dedicated on Sunday week, The dedicatory sermon was preached by the

Rev. Dr. Parsons, pastor of the Presb terian church of Beverly, and the prayer of dedica for was offered by the Rev. M. L. Hodord, who has charge of this new church enterprise. The church is beautifully located on the Burlington and Camden turppike, in the village of Farriew, one mile beyond Bridgeboro. It is a neathern and charge of the particle o rame bulloing, built in modern style, with end allery and small soire, and painted in a tasteful

body would be 4327, of which nearly two-thirds would be Old School. A Presbyterum church was organized at

Cheropa, Labelie county, Kansas, on the 20th of September, by the Rev. James Lewis and the Rev. Charles H. McCreary, praduates of the last class in Union Theological Seminary, The Rev. Mr. McCreery takes charge of the charca. - The Congregational church at Newton Falls, Ohio, has recently changed its ecclesiasti-cal polity, in accordance with the advice of the General Assembly, having previously elected five of the members for a Board of Elucis or Ses-

-The Rev. J. S. McConnell, from the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Chicago, has oven received into the New School Church and the Presbyters of Chicago.

The Rev. Francis H. Bowman, of the Augusta Church, Virginia, has been called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, Men phis, Tenn., late Dr. Stedman's,

—Six churches in the Presbyters of Wellboro, Pa., are vacant, most of them in im--Grand River Presbytery, Ohio, has gained five ministers and two churches in a year,

CATHOLIC. -There is quite an impropile among the Roman Catholies of Chicago, Bishop Duggan, white lately at Rome, learned that some of the priests of Chicago had been sending complaints to the Holy Cry in reference to his management of the property of the diocese, amounting to \$3,000,000, and which is vested in him as sile trustee. On his return, the Bishop summarily denoted. Father Duon, of St. Patrick's Church, not Father Boles, of the Church of the Holy Name. As these men had been especially instrumental in creating and wisely investing the large property of the diocese, and had the coroial support of their people, the Bishop's arbitrary course excited an indignation among the usually submissive

An indignation meeting was held, and a committee of fitteen of the remonstrants-in cluding aldermen, colonels, politicians, and merchants—have the matter in charge. A fund of \$3000 has been subscribed to prosecute an appeal before the Holy Father in Rome. Alarmed at this opposition, the Bishop has now withdrawn his clict. It is refreshing to see some self-asserting spirit manifested; but even the most independent of the speakers said in the public meeting:—' Let us bring him back, and I will be the first to place him in his paro chial residence until we have time to hear from Rome that it is right he should be dismissed; then I will be the first to let him go."-In-

-An archbishop and five new bishops have been appointed by the Pope for Mexico, and will soon enter upon their mission. This is not simply a means of securing His Holiness needed votes in the coming (Ecumenical Council; it is the first fruits of the surrender of Junrez to the Papal hi rachy. Their first and, we fear, successful effort will be directed to the repeal of the law which secularized the vast ecclesiastical property, whose retention by the clergy had iven them such an undue and odlous power in the State. The selection for the post of minister from our country to Mexico of General Rose-crans—a man who is not only a Roman Catholic, but a brother of the Bishop of Cincinnati-will not at all weaken this anti-republican Papal party. - Independent.

METHODIST. -Bishop Paine, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, writes to the Nashville Advocate, explaining the action of their last General Conference in relation to colored Conferences. The Bishops are authorized to form charges, dis-tricts, and Annual Conferences of colored members, and, where two or more Annual Conferences are fermed, are instructed to advise and assist them in organizing a separate General Conference for themselves. The Memohis Au-nual Conference has been already organized, and will meet November 18. Nearly all of the preachers in this Conference, B shop Paine thinks, are able to read, and more than half to

There is a revival of religion going on in Danville, Virginia, in the Methodistchurch, and over one hundred persons have professed conversion. The revival is not confined to one congregation, but members of all the congregations are subjects of it. The ministers of the Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian churches are working together, in perfect harmony, and doing everything, as far as human instra-mentality is concerned, to bringing sinners under the influence of the Gospel.

EPISCOPAL. -The following propositions for the advancement of the Protestant Episcopal Church will come up be ore the Convention now in session

in New York:"The time baying come when the Church should seriously consider her relations to the world and assume that attitude which is best calcu ated to advance her interests and promote peace both among those within and those without, the following propositions are presented for the consideration of all those was are willing to work together on a new and more Catholic

"I. That a threefold Ministry like that of the Protestant Episcopal Caurch is scriptural and binding, yet demands no judgment of the ministry of others.

2. That no other than the regular clergy are to be allowed as clergy to officiate in congregations of the Church. "3 That the office of an Evangelist is one that

any pious and competent person may assume in any congregation, when required. "4. That it is the duty of every member of the Protestant Episcopal Church to labor to make

this Church the great centre of unity for all other rengious bodies in the land. 5. That the Book of Common Prayer should be further enriched by additional prayers.

"6. That every minister should be authorized

to abridge the morning service when expedient, and to use either one or two of the three offices now in use. "7. That the form of general exhortation be-

ginning with 'Dearly beloved brethren' should be left optional. "8. That congregations may, when required,

use other collections of hymns in nubble wor-ship than those provided by the General Con-"9. That both choral services and meetings

for special prayer and conference, as now practhed, shall continue to be deemed allowable, where they minister to edification. 10. That increased ceremonial generally in

public worship is to by permitted in order to meet an innocest and growing demand. "II. That all forms and ceremonies are trifles compared with the preaching of a pure Gospel, and should therefore never interiers with the "12. The voluntary organizations in connec-

tion with the Church for the advancement of its work are advisable and expedient, as providing for the narmonious co-operation of those hold-

ing similar views.
-13. That while sectarianism is a gross evil. the various schools of theology may all exist in the Church without interlering with her safety

well-being. "14. That no branch of the Catholic Church can claim a primacy over any other branch.
'15. That the subject of a 'Concordat' with Rome is not to be considered.

"16. That fraternal intercourse should be maintained so far as expedient and proper with all who profess and call themselves Christians. 17. That we should alm at unity in essentints, liberty in non-essentials, and charity in all

-The Church of the Holy Innocents is a new one, and is located in the upper part of the city, in a rural district called Tacony. Several months ago, the announcement of the format on of a new congregation was made in these columns, and the prospects were hopefully por rayed. The enterprise has prospered, and on Tuesday afternoon last the corner-stone of anner, and is capable of accommodating about two hundred and fifty persons. It was densely crowded on Sunday last, many being mable to obtain admittance. The prospects of the congregation are quite encouraging,—According to the Erange ist, the Old and New School of Presbyterians united would make a membership of 420,000. Of this, two-fifths would be New School and three-fifths Old School. The number of ministers in the united Caurch would be New School the four-sevenths old School. The number of churches in the antied School. The occasion was felt to be one of School. w church edince was laid with the usual

much interest, and enjoyed by those who par-ticipated in the exercises. We understand the building will be soon completed, and may be occupied before the winter sets in .- Episco-

-A correspondent of the Religious Herald (Ri hmond, Ve.), writing from Alabam 1, says: -On last Sunday, the late acting rector of the Episcopal church in Tuscaloosa, Ala., took occasion, in the morning service, to renounce Episcopacy, and to declare his adoption of Roman

Cathelic views." The Episcopalisms of Connecticut, com-prising 11,187 families and 15,931 communicants, have contributed during the past year, for vapurposes connected with the Church,

- About one fourth of all the clergy of the Episcopal Church in this country have come out of the Methodist Church, and some of these have become eminent and conservative Bishops.

CONGREGATIONAL. -The First Church, Albany, laid the corner-stone of their new house, with interesting cere-monics. September 22. It is to stand on the corner of Eagle and Beaver streets, and will be built of brick with stope trimmings. The audience room will be 66 by 76 feet, and the spice will be carried up 210 feet. The total cost of house and lot will be about \$125 000, and the editor is expected to be finished next May. -Subbath before last, firty persons united with the Congregational Churca at Thomaston, Conn., on profession o faith, a part of the fruits of the late revival. More than usual religious interest still exists in different parts of the

-Andover Seminary begins the year with about seventy-five students, in the regular course. The new short course will have a class

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Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Chief Commissioner of Highways until 12 o'clock M., on MONDAY, 12th inst., for the construction of the following swers on the line of Union street, from Third street, two nundred and fitsy feet westwardly to Police Station, three feet in dismeter.

Sixth street, from Proplar street to Wager street, eight hundred and two feet long, three feet in dismeter.

Sixth street, from Broad to Sixteenth street, nine hundred and fifsy feet long, three feet in dismeter.

Lighth street, from Reed street to Cross street, seven hundred and seventy feet long, three feet in dismeter.

Said sewers to be constructed of bricks, circular in form, in accordance with specifications prepared by the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, with such iron or stone inlets and mancholes sa may be directed by the Chief Engineer and Surveyor. The understanding to be that the newer's herein advertised are to be completed on or before the first day of December, 1888. And the Contractor shall take bills prepared against the property fronting on said sewers to the amount of one dollar and twenty-rive conts for each lineal foot of front on each side of the street as so much cash paid; the balance, as limited by Ordinace to be paid by the City. And the tentractor will be required to keep the street and sewer in good order for three years after the aswer is finished.

When the street is occupied by a City Passenger Railroad track, the sewer small be constructed alongside of said track in such manner as net to obstruct or interfere with the same passage of the Cars thereon; and no claim for remuneration shall be paid the Contractor by the Company using said track, as specified in Act of Assembly approved May S. 1865.

All bidders are invited to be present at the time and place of opening the said Proposals. Each proposals will be accompanied by a certificate that abond has oeen flied in the Law Department as d

MAHLON H. DICKINSON, Chief Commissioner of Highways. 10 D 3t

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